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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Office Action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on November 20, 2002, be extended for three months to, and including, May 20, 2003. The fee for the extension of time is \$930.00 and is to be paid as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

Applicant(s) hereby authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge any fees that may be deemed to be due or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0590. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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